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TOPIC Border Guard Units Shifted from Austrian to Yugoslav Border			
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- 25X1 1. A fugitive [redacted] talked to a border guard private at the KOESZEG (P 48/X 60) railroad station on 19 October 1949 and learned that a border guard detachment left KOESZEG for the Yugoslav Border that day. Vacancies caused by the withdrawal of border guard detachments were not filled by army units but were controlled by increasingly committed AVO (State Security) agents.
2. Four civilians who fled from ALSOSZOELNOEK (Y 3/C 34) on 27 October 1949 reported that the Hungarian border guard units along the Yugoslav border have been reinforced since about 15 October 1949 by border guard troops withdrawn from the Hungarian-Austrian border. Border guard troops from the KOERMEND (P 48/C 76) area arrived in ALSOSZOELNOEK.
3. A railroadman from ZALAEGRSZEG (Y 4/V 10) reported that a south-bound 20-car train occupied by four border guard detachments from KOESZEG had passed through ZALAEGRSZEG (Y 4/V 10) on 20 October 1949.

25X1 [redacted] Comment:

- a. The information on the reinforcement of Hungarian border guard units along the Yugoslav border by border troops withdrawn from the Hungarian Austrian border is credible. It is confirmed by previous reports, e.g., on the transfer to the Yugoslav border of the 18th Border Guard Co of the 6th Border Guard Bn in late September 1949.
- b. The border guard troops reportedly transferred from the KOERMEND area to ASOSZOELNOEK presumably belonged to the 8th Border Guard Bn (22d Border Guard Co was identified in KOERMEND), whereas the border detachments withdrawn from the KOESZEG area were elements of the 7th Border Guard Bn (20th Border Guard Co was identified in KOESZEG).

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